What is claimed is:

25

	1.	A semiconductor device comprising:
		an inner lead having a sloping section sloping upward and outward;
5		a die pad;
		a semiconductor chip having an electrode and bonded to the die pad;
		a wire electrically connecting the inner lead to the electrode;
	•	a sealing section sealing the inner lead, the semiconductor chip, and the wire;
	and	
10		an outer lead extending outward from the sealing section.

- 2. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the wire is bonded to the sloping section.
- 3. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the inner lead further has an end section extending inward from a lower end of the sloping section in a horizontal direction.
- 4. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 3, wherein the wire is bonded to the end section.
 - 5. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the inner lead further has a second sloping section sloping downward and outward from a higher end of the sloping section.

6. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein the inner lead further has a portion extending in a horizontal direction

and connected to the outer lead.

10

20

- 7. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 2,
 wherein a bonding position between the wire and the inner lead is lower than
 the position of the electrode.
 - 8. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 4, wherein a bonding position between the wire and the inner lead is lower than the position of the electrode.
 - 9. The semiconductor device as defined in claim 1, wherein a surface of the die pad opposite to the semiconductor chip is exposed from the sealing section.
- 15 10. A circuit board on which the semiconductor device as defined in claim 1 is mounted.
 - 11. An electronic instrument comprising the semiconductor device as defined in claim 1.
 - 12. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, the method comprising: forming a sloping section sloping upward and outward by bending an inner lead of a lead frame;
- bonding a semiconductor chip having an electrode to a die pad of the lead 25 frame;
 - electrically connecting the inner lead to the electrode through a wire; and sealing the inner lead, the semiconductor chip, and the wire.

- 13. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 12, wherein the wire is bonded to the sloping section.
- 5 14. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 12, further comprising:

forming an end section extending inward from a lower end of the sloping section in a horizontal direction by bending the inner lead.

- 15. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 14, wherein the wire is bonded to the end section.
 - 16. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 12, further comprising:
 - forming a second sloping section sloping downward and outward from a higher end of the sloping section by bending the inner lead.

15

25

- 17. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 12, further comprising:
- forming a portion extending in a horizontal direction and outward from a higher end of the sloping section and bonded to the outer lead of the lead frame.
 - 18. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 13, wherein a bonding position between the wire and the inner lead is made to be lower than the position of the electrode.
 - 19. The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 15,

wherein a bonding position between the wire and the inner lead is made to be lower than the position of the electrode.

The method of manufacturing a semiconductor device as defined in claim 12,further comprising:

exposing a surface of the die pad opposite to the semiconductor chip from the sealing section.